

Excerpt from Journal

Office of Legislative Counsel

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1. Spoke to Walter Reynolds, Chief Clerk, Senate Committee on Government Operations, regarding the letter from Senator Green to Senator McClellan dated 12 August in which the Senate Foreign Relations advise of no objection to the proposed sale of the two transmitters. However, that letter suggested Government Operations should have the Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations consider the matter. Reynolds indicated that he did not believe the Agency need be concerned with the Appropriations Committee. In any event, he would speak to Mr. Smith, Chief Clerk.

2. Legislative Counsel met with Francis Hewitt and Michael Rexroad of the staff of the Senate Appropriations Committee to advise them of the proposed transmitter sale to AMCOMLIB. (Mr. Rexroad very much wished to be remembered to Colonel White.) They were inclined to believe that Mr. Smith, Chief Clerk, would look into the matter and that therefore Mr. Hewitt should probably brief Senator Hayden. Mr. Hewitt assured me of all possible cooperation and indicated he thought the matter could be handled. I left with him copies of the 3 August 1958 letter from Senator McClellan to GSA, the 5 August 1958 memo from Senator McClellan to the Armed Services Committee and the Foreign Relations Committee and the letter of 12 August 1958 from Senator Green to Senator McClellan.

3. I stopped by to chat with Carl Marcy, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, to thank him for his assistance in clearing the AMCOMLIB sale with Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He returned the Agency memorandum of 11 August 1958 and attachments. Marcy volunteered the fact that the letter of 12 August from Senator Green to Senator McClellan reflected only in a very mild way the bitterness within the Senate Foreign Relations Committee aimed not at CIA but at Senate Armed Services and Senate Appropriations in keeping the details of CIA activities so much to themselves.

6. Talked with Harry Carter, USIA, further about the transfer of the two transmitters. He indicated that Senator Humphrey was apparently satisfied for the moment but suggested it might be desirable for Harry Carter and myself to discuss this in detail with Senator Humphrey. I agreed to this and Carter will attempt to arrange a time.